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Mild Temperatures Remain in the State

Oklahoma producers continued to welcome the mild weather last week. Temperatures averaged in the low 70's for all districts except the Panhandle which averaged 66 degrees. Small amounts of rain were recorded across the State, but the moisture was a nice relief for most of the major crops and pastures. Some producers had begun planting small grains while others were still waiting on additional moisture to begin planting. Topsoil and subsoil moisture showed improvement from last week, however. Subsoil moisture conditions remained mostly in the short to very short range. Some of the reports arrived before the weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the tables below. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	27	41	4
Last Week	34	27	36	3
Last Year	10	36	53	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	52	31	16	1
Last Week	56	33	10	1
Last Year	13	28	58	1

Small Grains: Seedbed preparations for small grain crops were moving ahead as more producers were beginning to plant. Some wheat producers were sowing their fields, while others were applying fertilizer to prepare for the upcoming planting. Producers were predicting wheat seeding to be in full swing by next week. Rye planting jumped 19 points from last week, while wheat planting was running slightly below normal at 9 percent.

Row Crops: Major row crop conditions in the State did not show much improvement if any from last week. Corn, sorghum, and soybean conditions declined from last week. Corn remained mostly in the excellent to good range and sorghum remained in the good to fair range. Soybean conditions dropped from last week with most of the crop in the poor to very poor range. Some producers in major soybean counties were harvesting their dryland soybeans for hay. Cotton conditions showed little movement from last week. Corn harvest reached the half-way point with the crop maturing only slightly below normal at 65 percent. Sorghum headed had reached 92 percent, while 7 percent of the crop had been harvested. Soybeans at pod set and maturity were 10 and 3 points behind normal, respectively. Forty-three percent of the peanut crop had reached maturity. Cotton with bolls opening was at 29 percent, 9 points behind normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 10, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	16	16	20	12	36
Peanuts	2	14	42	40	2
Cotton	23	31	30	16	0
Sorghum	13	18	29	29	11
Soybeans	34	27	28	10	1

Hay: Alfalfa and other hay conditions continued to improve from last week's pleasant temperatures and rainfall. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa jumped 16 points from last week with fifth cuttings lagging 14 points behind normal at 11 percent. Other hay second cuttings progressed slightly at 60 percent, 13 points behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 10, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	28	26	30	13	3
Other Hay	41	30	19	8	2

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions remained in the poor to very poor range, but conditions did improve from last week. Pastures were greening up and continuing to grow from the recent moisture and mild temperatures.

Livestock: Cool temperatures and rainfall continued to help improve livestock but conditions remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Ponds remained low and were still a concern among producers in the State. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$123.98 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$114.04 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 10, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	15	31	39	11	4
Pasture & Range	35	35	20	9	1

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending September 10, 2006									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	66	57	79	79	Setting Pods	80	76	91	90
Planted	9	2	11	14	Mature	34	30	37	37
Rye -					Harvested	8	4	14	15
Seedbed Prepared	69	55	71	81	Peanuts -				
Planted	24	5	29	25	Mature	43	40	32	43
Oats -					Cotton -				
Seedbed Prepared	62	56	59	59	Bolls Opening	29	22	22	38
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Mature	65	52	64	67	4 th Cutting	76	60	91	77
Harvested	50	44	37	42	5 th Cutting	11	4	48	25
Sorghum -					Other Hay -				
Headed	92	89	91	91	2 nd Cutting	60	55	69	73
Colored	63	55	66	66					
Mature	26	21	25	37					
Harvested	7	2	11	19					

Weather for Week Ending September 10, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 47 degrees at Beaver on Wednesday, September 6th to 94 degrees at Sallisaw and Wilburton on Sunday, September 10th. Precipitation averaged 0.08 inches in the Southeast district to 0.64 inches in the West Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 67 degrees at Tipton on Monday, September 4th, Erick on Wednesday September 6th, and Kenton on Friday September 8th to 85 degrees at Clayton and Durant on Sunday, September 10th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending September 10, 2006							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2006 to September 10, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>
Panhandle	78	56	66	0.32	1.04	0.41	166
West Central	82	59	70	0.64	1.08	0.07	107
Southwest	83	61	71	0.44	1.46	0.33	129
North Central	83	59	71	0.21	0.70	-0.35	67
Central	84	60	72	0.42	0.72	-0.65	53
South Central	85	61	73	0.41	0.53	-0.92	37
Northeast	85	59	72	0.20	0.21	-1.38	13
East Central	85	59	72	0.29	0.29	-1.36	18
Southeast	86	59	73	0.08	0.09	-1.44	6

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